

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: John T. Chapman                      Confirmation No. 9290  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to Examination, Applicant submits the following:

- **Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.
- **Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.